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Amendment (37 CFR 1.116)

(IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON 10/22/2008)

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Dear Sir:

This paper and amendments are responsive to the Final Office action mailed October 22, 2008 which sets a shortened statutory period for response of 3 months with a due date of on or before January 22, 2009. This response includes a request for a one (1) month extension of time, and fee therefore, in which to response to the outstanding office action. Since February 22, 2009 is a Sunday, thus, the response is being timely filed on the next business day, February 23, 2009. This response further includes a Petition for Suspension of Prosecution under 37 C.F.R 1.103(a). In addition, a Request for Continued Examination is also included.